

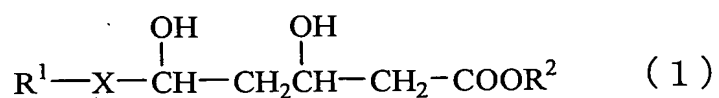
CLAIMS

1. An external preparation comprising following ingredients

(A) and (B) :

(A) a compound represented by the following general formula

(1)



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents an organic residue having a cyclic structure that may have a substituent; R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group; and X represents an ethylene group or an ethenylene group

or a salt thereof, and

(B) a monoterpene.

2. The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein ingredient (A) is lovastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, fluvastatin, atorvastatin, serivastatin, mevastatin, rosuvastatin, or pitavastatin, or their salts.

3. The external preparation according to claim 1 or 2, wherein ingredient (A) is pitavastatin, atorvastatin, or pravastatin, or their salts.

4. The external preparation according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium, atorvastatin calcium, or pravastatin sodium.

5. The external preparation according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the monoterpene is a monoterpene having an aldehyde group or a monoterpene having a hydroxyl group.
6. The external preparation according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the monoterpene is a linear monoterpene having an aldehyde group or a monocyclic monoterpene having a hydroxyl group.
7. The external preparation according to claim 6, wherein the linear monoterpene having an aldehyde group or the monocyclic monoterpene having a hydroxyl group is one or more materials selected from menthol, terpineol, and citronellal.
8. The external preparation according to any one of claims 1 to 7, comprising 0.001 to 20% by mass of ingredient (A).
9. The external preparation according to any one of claims 1 to 8, comprising 0.01 to 15% by mass of the monoterpene.